

Navy Branch Health Clinic & VA Outpatient Clinic Key West, FL





History of the Navy Branch Health Clinic and the VA Outpatient Clinic, Key West, FL

- December 1941 - Construction began on Naval Hospital Key West
- October 1942 - Naval Hospital Key West commissioned
- 1979 - Hospital re-designated as the Naval Regional Medical Center
- 1986 - Sharing agreement with VA provided a Mental Health Clinic within the NRMHC.
- 1987 - Naval Regional Medical Center building condemned. Navy patient care functions moved to Florida Keys Memorial Hospital. VA Clinic relocated into community.
- 1994 - Clinic was renovated for administrative/clinical services. VA returns services to Navy Clinic.
- 1997 - Original Hospital Building demolished.
- 1998/99 - Construction of new 60,000 sq ft clinic began
- Jan./Feb. 2000 - Construction completed. New Navy Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) and the VA Outpatient Clinic “open for business.”



Naval Regional Medical Center, Key West, FL

Photo of the original hospital building demolished in 1997



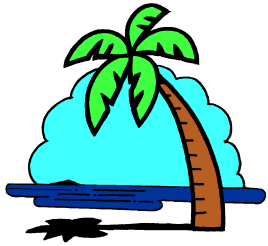


Historical Perspective of the Joint Venture

- June 1994 - Navy Bureau of Medicine (BUMED) proposed to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to enter into an MOA to jointly operate, sponsor, fund and construct a new healthcare facility for use by both organizations (Dental was a third organization participating).
- July 1994 - Cost-Benefit Analysis for joint venture construction completed. VA concluded benefits outweigh the costs of leasing space in community.
- June 1995 - MOU between DOD and DVA for a Joint Venture for Construction of the NBMC signed by Asst. Secretary for Defense for Health Affairs and the VA's Under Secretary for Health.

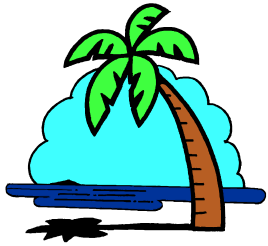
[The MOU between NBMC and the Miami VA Medical Center created the planning team to facilitate construction progress and look at making the new healthcare facility operate under a "symbiotic" concept.]

- Feb. 2000 - NBMC/VA Outpatient Clinic, Key West opened.



Population Served

- **NBMC** as of January 2006
 - Active Duty - 1660
 - Family Members - 1539
 - Retirees and Standard patients on space-A only
- **VA Outpatients** – FY 2005
 - 1962 veteran patients treated
 - 9625 outpatient visits by these patients



Services Provided

NBHC PROVIDES to VA Clinic on a REIMBURSABLE BASIS:

- Lab and X-ray Services - Billed to VA at 90% of CMAC rate
[Since summer of 2005, lab specimens have been couriered to the Miami VA Medical Center for processing and results reporting directly into the VA's VISTA/Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS).]
- Pharmaceuticals at cost plus \$4.00/pkg
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Utilities/housekeeping Services - Calculated at 10% of total expenditure
- Bio-hazardous Waste - Charged at rate of \$25 per occasion
- Optometry Services - Limited to space-available

VA PROVIDES ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS

- Physical Therapy
- Psychiatry



Services Provided cont'd

Each Organization

- Credentials it's clinical providers
- Maintains Continuous Quality Improvement Program
- Meets requirements of JCAHO and other accreditation bodies
- Provides computer assets

Additional Benefits

- Navy provides building security services
- Navy provides BLS and ACLS
- VA provides Video-Teleconferencing (V-Tel)
- Combined Physical-Navy Separation and VA Compensation and Pension Exams (Separation exams are currently conducted via QTC contract service)
- VA provides satellite based telecommunications during emergency situations (e.g. 2005 Hurricanes)
- Professional Collaboration

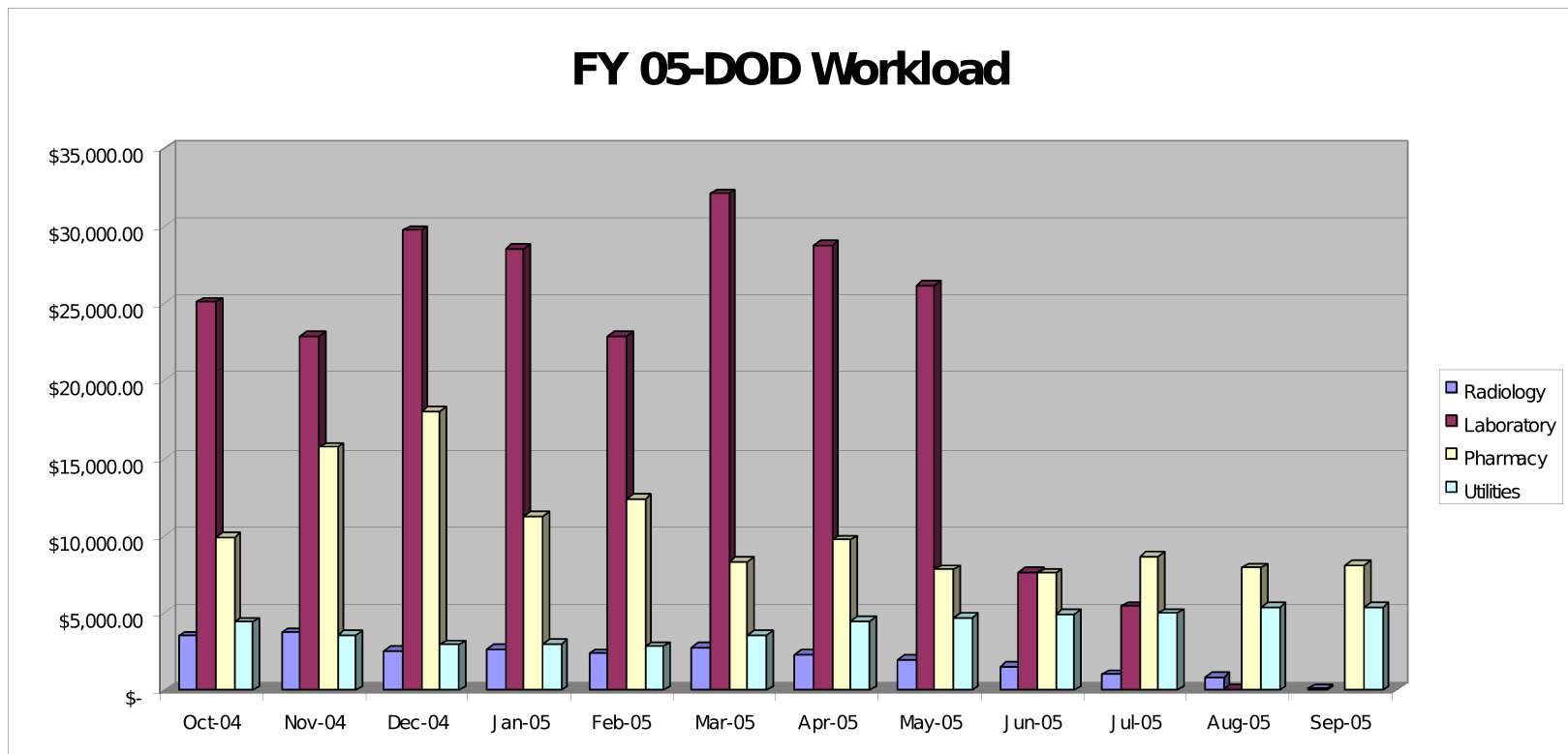


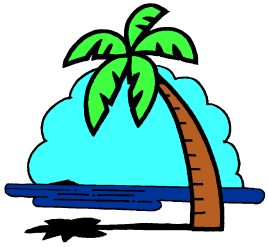
Workload - FY 2005

Services provided to VA by Navy Clinic

FY 2004 - \$471,621 (Lab, X-Ray & Pharmacy)

FY 2005 - \$396,033 (Lab, X-Ray & Pharmacy)



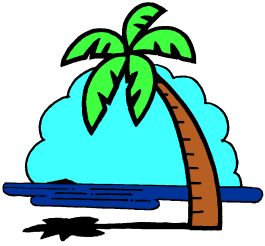


Challenges and Hot Issues

- Information Technology -
CPRS and CHCS linkage for seamless input of clinical orders and transmission of result reports

In summer 2005, the VA Outpatient Clinic began sending lab specimens to the VA Medical Center. This allows physicians to order via their Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) and provides for immediate transmission of results in CPRS.

Lab Data Sharing Initiative may resolve this problem by providing bidirectional linkage between CPRS and CHCS-2.



KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Open communication between the Officer in Charge (Navy) and the Chief Medical Officer at the VA Outpatient Clinic.
- Success is achieved through collaboration. We see ourselves as a team and try to be inclusive on all deliberations impacting our clinics.